

REMARKS

Claims 22-61 are pending in the above-captioned patent application following this amendment. Claims 22-61 were subject to a restriction requirement. The Species IIa claims, comprising claims 22-61 were elected with traverse. The Applicants further respectfully submit that claims 22-61 are generic claims which read on each of the Species I and II as defined by the Patent Office.


No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment. Consideration of the Application is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the Applicants respectfully assert that the restriction requirement be withdrawn and that pending claims 22-61 be examined together because the restriction requirement is improper. Alternatively, the Applicants submit that the Species IIa claims, comprising claims 22-61, should be examined together and that the claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at 858-456-1951 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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